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### **Commission on Local Government January 6, 2022 11:00 A.M. Henrico, Virginia**

#### Members Present

Stephanie Davis, PhD, Chair  
Diane M. Linderman, PE, Vice Chair  
Rosemary M. Mahan  
Edwin S. Rosado

#### Members Absent

Ceasor T. Johnson, D.Min

#### Call to Order

The Commission on Local Government (CLG) Chair, Dr. Stephanie Davis, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

#### Election of Officers

Mr. Anderson opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair. Ms. Davis nominated Ms. Linderman for the position of Chair. Mr. Rosado seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations made. The floor was closed. Ms. Linderman was elected to the position of Chair.

Ms. Linderman opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Ms. Davis nominated Mr. Johnson for the position of Vice Chair. Mr. Rosado seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations made. The floor was closed. Mr. Johnson was elected to the position of Vice Chair.

#### Administration

After discussion, the draft agenda was approved by the Commission.

Ms. Linderman opened the floor for the public comment period. No members of the public appeared before the Commission for the public comment period. The public comment period was closed.

At this point, Commissioner Johnson joined the meeting virtually. Pursuant to the Commission's electronic participation policy, Mr. Johnson noted that he was attending the meeting from 4211 Fort



Avenue, Lynchburg, Virginia. Mr. Johnson noted that he was attending virtually for personal reasons.

Mr. Anderson welcomed Commissioner Edwin Rosado, who was attending the first meeting of his newly appointed term on the Commission on Local Government.

Mr. Anderson expressed to the Commission the gratefulness of staff for Mr. David Conmy, who had served on Commission staff for a number of years. Mr. Anderson noted that staff would prepare commending resolutions for both Mr. Conmy and Commissioner Michael Amyx, whose term expired on December 31, and that those resolutions should be available for Commission review at their March meeting. Upon adoption, the Commission and staff would like to invite both Mr. Conmy and Mr. Amyx back to formally receive those resolutions.

Mr. Anderson gave a brief update on the status of the Martinsville-Henry County reversion Voluntary Settlement Agreement (VSA). While Martinsville was able to again pass the VSA, which is the final step prior to sending it to a three judge panel for review, Henry County failed to pass the VSA. Henry County has publicly stated that they no longer support the reversion of Martinsville City to town status after receiving feedback from constituents of both Henry County and Martinsville City. Henry County has vowed to fight against the reversion via legislative means.

Mr. Anderson provided the Commission an update on the Municipal Utility Assistance Program. This program, which is similar to the Municipal Utility Relief Program that staff administered the previous fall and winter, utilizes ARPA funding to help customers adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Anderson informed the Commission that in their packet there were several articles pertaining to taxing authority, the Martinsville-Henry VSA, and boundary line adjustments.

A motion was made by Ms. Mahan and seconded by Ms. Davis to approve the minutes of the November 4 meeting of the Commission. The motion passed.

## Municipal Utility Data Report

Mr. Anderson provided an overview of the Municipal Utility Data Report, which includes arrearage data between September 1, 2021 and December 16, 2021. Mr. Anderson noted that the report had already been



sent to the General Assembly because the due date of the report did not conform with the regular meeting schedule of the Commission. The Commission would be approving the report retroactively.

A motion was made by Ms. Mahan and seconded by Ms. Davis to approve the Municipal Utility Data Report. The motion passed.

FY20 Fiscal Stress Report  
Status Update

Ms. Grace Wheaton, Senior Policy Analyst for DHCD, presented an update on the Fiscal Stress Report. She noted that because data from Bedford County, Emporia City, Hopewell City, and Lee County had not been submitted, the report is not ready to be presented to the Commission. Ms. Wheaton explained that these localities have a six month grace period to submit their data to the Department of Accounts, so staff anticipates being able to submit the report to the Commission for review in either May or July.

2022 General Assembly  
Session

Ms. Wheaton presented to the Commission an overview of the General Assembly session, including the Fiscal Impact Statement process that staff conducts, the budget adoption process, and pre-filed legislations that directly impacts the mission of the Commission.

Schedule of Regular  
Meetings

Mr. Anderson noted to the Commission that the next regular meeting would take place on March 10, followed by a meeting on May 12, as well as July 14.

Other

There was no other business.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Linderman and seconded by Ms. Mahan for adjournment. The motion passed.





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